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DEVELOPMENT: PRESENT PLANS OF UNESCO

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1. AS PART OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR
THE UNCSTD, UNESCO WILL SPONSOR A SERIES OF NATIONAL
SEMINARS IN NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1977 TO ESTABLISH
NATIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CON-
FERENCE. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR SUCH SEMINARS TO BE
HELD IN IRAN, EGYPT, INDIA, AN AFRICAN COUNTRY
(PERHAPS KENYA), LATIN AMERICA (PROBABLY BRAZIL OR
VENEZUELA), AND SCANDINAVIA (PROBABLY NORWAY). IT IS
ENVISIONED THAT 30-40 PEOPLE MIGHT BE INVOLVED AS THE
PRIME PARTICIPANTS WITH PERHAPS 10-15 INVITED EXPERTS
FROM SURROUNDING NATIONS AND BEYOND.

2. ACCORDING TO ADG FOR SCIENCE KADDOURA, ONE OR TWO
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CAREFULLY SELECTED EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED STATES
COULD BE INVITED BY UNESCO TO ATTEND THESE NATIONAL
SEMINARS. THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY THEIR OWN
WAY (THIS COULD BE DONE BY HAVING UNESCO BILL THE U.S.
NATIONAL COMMISSION, FOR EXAMPLE) BUT WOULD NEED TO
TRAVEL UNDER UNESCO AUSPICES. PERHAPS IF THE SAME
TEAM ATTENDED MORE THAN ONE MEETING, THEY COULD CARRY

WITH THEM TO SUCCEEDING MEETINGS THEIR IMPRESSIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

3. KADDOURA SUGGESTED TO SCIATT THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER ORGANIZING A SIMILAR SEMINAR IN THE UNITED STATES AND INVITE EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ATTEND. IN VIEW OF THE PRESUMED HIGH INTEREST THAT SUCH A SEMINAR MIGHT ATTRACT, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT COULD BE HELD TO A MEETING OF 50 PEOPLE LIKE THE OTHER NATIONAL SEMINARS.

4. UNESCO'S PLANS ARE TO WATCH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE NATIONAL SEMINARS AND DRAW ON THIS EXPERIENCE TO DEVELOP OTHER AVENUES OF UNESCO SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE. UNESCO SEVERAL MONTHS AGO APPOINTED A DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE SOLE TASK OF COORDINATING THE ORGANIZATION'S CONTRIBUTION TO CSTD, AND WILL SHORTLY SECOND A STAFF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.

5. UNESCO HAS HAD ABOUT 10 INFORMAL REQUESTS FROM LDC'S FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING FOR THE CSTD. THE GENERAL TENOR OF THESE INQUIRIES HAS BEEN FOR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THEIR EXPERTS TOGETHER WITH EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN NO CASE HAS A REQUEST BEEN RECEIVED FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE IN WRITING
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6. KADDOURA ONCE AGAIN MENTIONED HOW USEFUL A UNESCO TRUST FUND WOULD BE TO ENABLE EXTRA-BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL OF EXPERTS AND MEETINGS RELATED TO PREPARATIONS FOR THE CSTD.
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